



Copa ABC takes place over the long Queen's Birthday weekend

The 24th annual Copa ABC, a softball tournament amongst the teams of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao will be held from April 27 to May 1 at the Kudawecha playing field in Noord. The Copa ABC will have eleven teams from the three islands competing for the coveted trophies, along with a team from St. Maarten.

Head Organizer Mundo Albus, outlined the five day schedule for the holiday weekend, along with Tierso Tromp representing Heineken and Amstel Beer, the traditional sponsors of the tournament since its inception. Popoy Reyes of the Umpire's Association joined them for a press conference on Wednesday afternoon at the Moomba Beach Bar and Restaurant.

Aruba will welcome the teams of La Sonrisa Heineken and Noord Salina Braves from Bonaire, Baranca, Swift, Teremoto y Buena and Vista Power from Curacao, and the Wib Lions from St. Maarten. They will compete against teams Amstel Surprise, Happy Brothers, Madushi Stars, Calabas and Odyey's SBT of Aruba.

Softball or "Slowball" as it is called amongst the islands is a popular pastime, and nearly 600 players and fans are expected to participate in the event.

The twelve teams are divided into three pools, and competition will begin on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 PM with two back-to-back evening games, Amstel Surprise vs. Calabas and Happy Brothers vs. Madushi Stars.

Softball action will continue on Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 AM with a pause for the official opening of the games. The winnowing down process to the final game on Tuesday May 1 will begin each day at 9:30 AM until the semi-final and final games, which are scheduled to take place at noon and 2:00 P.M.

Organizer wished to express their gratitude to the sponsors that have made the Copa ABC possible, aside from Heineken/Amstel these include Lotto pa Deporte, Pro Graphics, Sr. Silvio Faris, Quick Electric Services, Nos Seguro, Eco Tec, Tango Restaurant, High Performance and Lampe Electrical Installation Services. They encourage all Arubans to come to the Kudawecha field in Noord for a pleasant holiday outing and to cheer their teams on to victory.